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COMMENT RE: CBA PETITION

We have greatly enjoyed the increased peace at our home since we registered our number on the Indiana DNC list. Our experience since this law went into effect is that only charitable organizations now cold-call us, and we like it this way. We still purchase new services and items from businesses, but it is at our discretion, at our prompting, and we are not harassed by telemarketers that are trying to offer us products/services that we do not need. In fact, for several years we chose not to encourage any telemarketers by purchasing their services, whether we wanted them or not.

I believe that relaxing the law by adding EBR would dilute the intent of the legislation. I feel that an EBR would be exploited by disreputable telemarketers to avoid the penalties imposed by the current law. The EBR is put forth by the CBA, which is comprised of a shrinking number of mega-merged banks. This means that I would again be a target for unsolicited telemarketing, despite my enrollment in the DNC, because I may once have done business with a company that is now part of a mega-merged bank.

Please do not allow an EBR to spoil our Indiana Telephone Privacy Law. We like having regained better control over the telephone service that we pay for the right to keep in our home.